CHAPTER XXII

THE SAN Mix CHU I

BEFORE dealing with the *San Min Chu I* critically it may be helpful to reproduce a typical digest for foreign consumption of Dr. Sun Yat-sen's " masterpiece" prepared by Mr. Chester S. Miao for the China Christian Educational Association, as translated for the *Manchester Guardian* {Dec, *y,* 1926) :—

What are the Three Principles of the People ?
They are Nationalism, Democracy and Socialism.
In other words, they are principles of salvation of our country. They are a means to enable China tc exist for ever in the world.

i. NATIONALISM

China is now in a dangerous state. On the one hand she has become a colony of every Great Power. The Powers have pressed us hard both economically and politically. On the other hand, our population has been diminishing, while that of the Powers has been rapidly growing. If that rate of growth is kept on for another hundred years, they can not only conquer us, but also extinguish us as a race. In order to save our country and to preserve our race, we have first to recover the nationalistic spirit which we have lost in the last hundred years.

It is true that we are a peace-loving people, and
that our ancestors in the past strongly believed